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SUBJECT: SERBIA PLANS TO SUPPORT EGYPTIAN RESOLUTION ON GOLDSTONE
REPORT

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¶1. (SBU) In response to our November 3 demarche, MFA Human Rights Directorate First Secretary Vladan Lazovic informed Poloff on November 4 that Serbia likely will support an emerging Egypt-led draft resolution on the Goldstone Report in the UN General Assembly (reftel) .

¶2. (SBU) Expressing hope that this resolution, which he believed to be the result of discussions between Egypt and the European Union, would "be more balanced" than the UN Human Rights Council resolution passed in October, Lazovic emphasized that the EU had passed the Egyptian resolution directly to the Serbian delegation.

¶3. (SBU) Lazovic indicated that Serbia, which intends to ensure that its voting pattern "overlaps" to a greater degree with the EU as it moves toward eventual candidacy, was therefore inclined to support the resolution, although its delegation will make a final decision based on the November 4 discussions in New York.
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